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UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE  
ART UNIT 1633

IN RE APPLICATION OF: **ELLIS, et al.** )  
CASE: **205502-9004** ) STATUS  
SERIAL NO.: **09/890,604** ) INQUIRY  
FILED ON: **March 1, 2002** )  
FOR: **MODIFICATION OF LIGNIN** )  
**COMPOSITION OF** )  
**GYMNOSPERMS** )

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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Dear Sirs:

- [X] AUTHORIZATION TO PAY AND PETITION FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF ANY NECESSARY FEES: If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following Communication (including but not limited to the payment of issue fees), they may be paid out of our deposit account No. 50-1965. If this payment also requires a Petition, please construe this authorization to pay as the necessary Petition which is required to accompany the payment.
- [ ] Applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ month(s) from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. Submitted herewith is check No. \_\_\_\_\_ for \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the cost of the extension. If a check is lost, or otherwise does not accompany this Petition, please charge my deposit account number 50-1965 in the appropriate amount to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to the above numbered deposit account.

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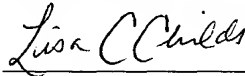
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**STATUS INQUIRY**

Applicant hereby inquires as to the status of the application, noting that the application has been pending for over seventeen (17) months.

Respectfully submitted,



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